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- (a) The State Board shall require a minimum level of reading ability for each grade 2 through 12 that rises for each succeeding grade.
- (b) If a county board, based on local assessment of student progress and in conjunction with the Maryland education accountability program, finds that a student in grade 3, 7, or 9 through 11 who is not moderately, severely, or profoundly intellectually limited has not met either a minimum grade level competency or the minimum reading level as required by the State Board for the previous grade, the student shall be:
 - (1) Kept in the current grade; or
- (2) Enrolled in an appropriate reading assistance program as part of his instructional program.
- (c) The provisions of this section may not be the sole reason for withholding grade advancement more than once in grades 2 through 7.
 - (d) The State Board shall adopt bylaws to implement this section.

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